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Memorandum for Inspector E.J. Connelley.

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Attached are the logs for January 27, 37, on telephone #125, 446 and 648 Located at Hot Springs Ark.

It appears from the conversation between Captain Jerry Watkins and P Phillips (Jimmie Phillips, Mgr. Southern (b), overheard at 2.51 P.M. over #446, that Watkins is either presently residing in or intends to move into the house at 125 Florence St.. The conversation indicates that this house is owned by Phillips.

Your attention is called to the following conversations; 4.15 and 4.18 P.M. over #125; 4.35 and 4.37 P.M. over #446; 4.45 and 4.50 P.M. over #125, where it appears that Akers is not interested in prosecuting Attorney Frieder for writing a bad check but is working with the Vance Brownhop to locate Frieder so that he can get a "Cut" in inducing Frieder to make the check good.

Previous reports have set out conversation between Grace Goldstein and Dutch Akers concerning a ring that Grace Goldstein bought. The ring apparently was stolen and "Dutch" apparently got \$50.00 from the sale. The call at 6.28 P.M. over #125 apparently had reference to that sampling.

Note a call at 10.55 P.M. over #446 where Officers Lys and Bradley report they are telephone #116, which is the Miller's Cigar Store, a gambling house.

In the conversation at 9.18 A.M. over #648, the Mayor tells Carroll Hollingsworth, a State Representative, a story, somewhat bawdy, to make his point that the State Legislative Committee is aiming at him in investigating Circuit Judge Earl Witt. Also note statement of the Mayor that he made \$25,000.00 for the city out of that thing (probably referring to gaming houses).

In the conversation at 8.48 A.M. over #648, Judge Leewood agrees to fix a parking or traffic ticket.

Respectfully submitted.

D.P. Sullivan
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Special Agent.

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on #446 (City Jail)
C.D. #123 (Chief of Police)
Hot Springs, Ark.
Plant at 207-Laurel.

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Has

12:02 Am - In #1.

Officers - Reported in -

12:15 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Davis & Rogers at "Baby Elephant"

12:25 Am. - Out #2

Garnett Moore - Called 220 (Dr. U. Williams) Has
Mrs. Williams - Hello -

Moore - Advised Mrs. Williams he
had recovered her car.

12:30 Am. - In #2.

Woman - Reported house-breaker at
127-grove St.

12:32 Am. - Out #2.

Corrington - Called 3606 (Firestone) and advised
Rogers of call at 127-grove St

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HAR.

12:45 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Bradley & Mone at "Baby Elephant."

1:00 Am - In #1

Officers - Murray & Kelly at 126.

1:32 Am - out #1.

Rogers - Called 3700 - (Sentinel - New Era)

Taylor - Hello.

Rogers - Have a news item for you.

Taylor - It's too late for morning paper.
I'll send over in the morning.

1:45 Am. - In #2 -

HAR.

Man (col) - Reported auto wreck on corner
of Gulepha & Malvern St.

1:46 Am - out #2 -

Rogers - Called 3606 (Freestone). Spoke to
officer & instructed him go to
Gulepha St. ⁽²⁾ for auto wreck.
HAR.

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Hat.

2:00 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Murray & Kelly at 777.

2:10 Am. - Out #1.

Rogers - called 3900 (Mkt. St. Garage).

Informed John of a wreck at
Gulpha St, but "nothing to it"
John - I found that out too.

3:00 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Murray & Kelly at 126.

4:02 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Murray & Kelly at 777.

5:00 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Murray & Kelly at 126.

5:50 Am. - In #1.

Woman - Inquired the number of
breakfasts for prisoners.

(2A)

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Has.

7:20 Am - Out # 1.
Corrington - Called 181 (Levi Hospital)
advised that he was sending
out a man with face cut
for treatment.

7:45 Am - Out on # 1.
Corrington - Called 661 (City Barn) for
Haywood Smith.

Man - Has already gone out on
the job.

Has.

7:50 Am - In # 2.

Akers - asked for Rogers.

Corrington - Has home for breakfast.

Akers - Tell Garrett Moore to go get
the Chief.

7:55 Am - In # 1.

Woman - Is Garrett Moore there?

Corrington - He went out.

Has

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Hos

8:00 Am. - In #2 -

Woman - Reported thefts of milk from
102 - Federal Street.

8:10 Am. - Out #2 -

Officer - Called 608 (Pythian (col) Bath House)

Man - asked for Pleasant.

Man - He's in the basement.

Officer - I'll call later.

Hos.

8:40 Am. - In #2 -

Irene (col) - Inquired from Bradley as to
who would collect premiums
on her insurance now that
he was not doing it.

9:00 Am - Out #2 -

Corrington - Called 608 (Pythian Bath House)
and attempted to speak to
Pleasant. Unable to do so.

Hos

#123+446

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8.17 am Incoming on 123

WKS

John Battles reported loss of his 1929 Green Chevrolet Sedan from in front of his residence at 208 Inapart St.

8.21 am Incoming on 123

WKS

Mrs. W. O'Donnell advised that above Chevrolet Sedan bore 1936 Ark. Plates 85292 - Motor number # 78083.

123 + 446

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8.59 am. Incoming on 446

WPS

Carrie, niece of Towler talked with Towler about
somebody who was in jail

9.10 am Incoming on 123.

WPS.

Erickson - When can the Chief mark off that
parking space in front of the Milwaukee Hotel
Corrington - He will be up to see you

9.15 am. Outgoing on 123 called 608 (Pythian Bath house) WPS.
Man asked for Pleasant - not there.

9.20 A.M. Outgoing on 446 to 3898 (Res. of Corrington) WPS.

Corrington - I've been trying to get a ride home
all morning. I guess I'll have to walk.

Woman - Alright dear.

123 + 446

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9.25 a.m. Outgoing on 446

WPS

To #1995 - (Woodmen of Union Hospital)
Cornington. Is Pleasant, the chiropodist there?
Hospital. No, he's not here.

9.26 am In on #446

WPS

Woman calling Cornington, where Fowler comes
in love him call 1579.

9.37 a.m. Out on 446 to 1579.

WPS

Fowler spoke with Mrs. Robbins about some
boy's clothes & Mrs. Robbins suggested that Fowler
call the Judge about it.

9.40 a.m. In on 446

WPS

Woman talked with "Nuteh" Akers and he promises
to see her sometime soon.

9.42 am. Incoming on 446. (See log on #648)

WPS

9.49 a.m. In on 123.

WPS

Housley (Juvenile Judge) - Monroe are you sending any
②

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Boys up here,
Morrow Young. Ill send them up right away.

9.52 am. In on 123.

WPS.

Mrs Robbins. The Judge said for you to go get
that boys clothes.

Fowler. Alright mam.

9.52 am. Out on 446 to 648 (Majors phone)

WPS.

Fowler. - Mrs ~~Fowler~~^{Robbins} just told me to get that
boys clothes.

Judge Ledgerwood. That's right & Tell Mr. Horsley
(a veterinarian) to leave that boy alone. He
wants to get back to his mother.

10.01 am. Outgoing on 446 to 341 (Spencer Ag. Store) ORB
Tom calling. Is Bill there?

Man answers. - No.

Tom - I'm in jail and have to make bond.
man. Ill send Ben over.

123 + 446

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10 14 am Incoming on 123 WTS

Man calling asked that Dutch Ahes call
the manager of the Marquette Hotel.

10.25 am In on 446 WTS

Man - When you going to bring those boys to
the courthouse

P.W. We've got to feed + fingerprint them, it will
be an hour.

10.32 am In on 123

Woman What happened to Phyllis?

P.W. She was fined \$100⁰⁰

10 42 am In on 446

Man left message for Ahes ^{to call} #512

10 43 am In on 123

Man This is Davis. Where is Dutch?

P.D. - Call back in 5 minutes

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10 14 am Out on 446 to 512 WPS

Akers calling - Hello

Man - You know where Shelley Hughes is?

Dutch - Yes, we have him in jail.

10.48 am In on #446 WPS

Violet calling - See if H E Lovett is out on bond.

P. D. He made an appeal bond, but I don't know who signed it.

10.49 am In on 123 WPS

Man: If you see Andy Irwin, have him come over to the Public Welfare Bureau.

10.56 am Incoming on 123. WPS

Woman called for Dutch Akers and left word for him to call Dr. Wade when he comes in.

10.57 am In on 123. WPS

Carl Myers. Have you forgotten me

Dutch Akers. No, I have been sick. I'll be up to see you.

Carl. I wish you would.

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10.54 am. Outgoing on 123. to 722 (Dr. H. King Wade)
Mr. Wade reported the loss of a pocketbook, containing
\$37.00, an American Legion Card, by Griffin Wade.

11.04 am. Incoming on 446. OPS.
The Hres Store complained of cars blocking
alley in back of store.

11.16 am. In on 123. OPS.
Is the Chief there - No, he isn't.

11.30 am. Incoming on 446. OPS.
Man calling - Have you some women down there
on the legions force (phonetic)?
Tucker - Yes.
Man. I'll send down and get them.

11.44 am. In on 123 OPS
Morse Young - There are two boys here. They had the
money. One went to dinner. When he got
back the money was gone. What shall I do?
Akers - Yes. Bring them in.

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11.46 a.m. In on 446. NPS.

Collected call from Sheriff at Paris Ark.

Sheriff. We've got Eddie Sherm (phonetic) here. Here he is Eddie to phone - Tells Dutch.

Dutch asks - What are you fixing to do, Got a job.

Eddie - Yes, I've got one at Fort Smith.

Dutch - Well, make those payments on that car and fix that up. I don't want to keep picking you up.

Eddie - I'll do that Dutch.

12.10 p.m. In on 446. NPS.

Rogers - About Smith. You know he has some time hanging on him.

Rasberry. Yes, He is running him out of the state.

12.12 p.m. Incoming on 446. NPS.

Man - This is the Sentinel Record. About Smith
Rexline. Did he steal a car.

P. W. Yes. He's already out.

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12.20 p.m. In on 123. Party hung up, before connected WPS

12.34 p.m. Out on 123 to 3846 (Res - Mamma Young) WPS.

Man: How is the baby?

Woman: It's alright

Young: Well, I'll be up about the same time.

12.40 p.m. In on 123. WPS.

Nate's Akers there: No, he's at dinner.

12.45 p.m. In on 123. WPS.

Man calling. Have Akers call Mrs. Jackson Arkansas Trust, when he comes in.

12.55 p.m. Out on 123. WPS.

Young called Tristone Service and asked if his car was ready.

1.51 p.m. In on 123. WPS.

Akers there? No, he's out.

#14#7

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1:05 Pm In #446

Officers reported - 3337 Jonestown. Glen

1:17 Pm Out #446

Fowler called Chipwood Motor Co.
and asked for Mr. McWilliams - Was
told that McWilliams was not in. Glen

1:15 Pm In #446

Call for Jerry Watkins - Not In - Glen

1:17 Pm Out #173

Man - 2745 (Vance Bros Pawn Shop)

Man - Hells -

Man - In Dallas there -

Man - No - Call 187 -

1:22 Pm Out #183

Ramsey (prisoner) called Dallas 42906
and asked a Mrs. Robinson to loan him
him \$50 - Mrs. Robinson told him she didn't
have any money. (14)

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2.04 p.m. In on 123. W.P.S.
Mr Williams calling. Mr Fowler we can't do anything
about a car, as they aren't making
any more.
Fowler. Well, will just have to wait.

2.29 p.m. In on 446. W.P.S.
Jerry called and stated he was at the City
Barn, getting his car repaired.

2.30 p.m. In. on 123. W.P.S.
Woman called and told Tucker she would
be down to see him and hung up when he asked
her name.

2.46 In on 123. W.P.S.
Bude - What are they going to do with those
boys.
Watkins. Ride down and see me, Bude. I want to
talk to you for a minute.

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2.50 p.m. Out on 446. called Southern Bell. NPS

P.M. Is Mr. Phillips there?

Southern Bell - No, he's at home.

P.M. What is his residence number.

Southern Bell. - Its 2063-W.

2.51 p.m. Out on 446 to 2063-W. NPS

Watkins. How do you get that phone turned on

Phillips. Call the telephone Co. It was listed to

Claude Burns - #3250-W.

Watkins. OK. The address is 125 Florence isn't

it?

Phillips. Yes that's right.

2.52 p.m. out on 446 to telephone Co. NPS

Watkins called the business office and ordered the
telephone connected at 125 Florence St.

2.57 P.M. In on 123. NPS

Mrs O'Donnell called and said she just saw the
car she reported stolen earlier in the day at
S. Border + oak St.

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P.M. What is the license.

Mrs O'Donnell: It is 85292 and it's a green
Chevrolet Sedan.

3.15 p.m. In on 446

W.S.

Call for Watkins - He's out now.

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3⁴⁵ Pm In #446 Elen

Tucker = City Jail

Ed. Vance = Is Dutch there?

Tucker = No - he's out somewhere.

Ed. Vance = Have him call Ed. Vance -
(Vance Pawnshop)

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3:56 P.m. - Out #1.

Officer - called 3846 (P.O. ^{Wm. Young}) gave details
of death of relative named
Grover, as received by wire. H.A.

4:00 P.m. - In #2.

Man - What'd they do with Ray?

Akers - Thirty days.

Man ("Buster") - Have you anything against
me?

Akers - No we don't want you. H.A.

4:15 P.m. - Out #2.

Akers - Called 2745 (Vance Pawn Shop.)

Vance - Hello.

Akers - What'd you want with me?

Vance - Too late now. I gave the case
to Watkins. That guy skipped
out & left a hot check with
me for \$200⁰⁰ for a ring.

Akers - See what I can do. H.A.

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Has.

4:18 Pm. - Out #2 - (C. played Huff)

Akers - Called 246 and inquired
as to possible whereabouts
of attorney Frieder - (Sidney Frieder)
Huff - advised that Brecker's friend
was still in town but that
Brecker had gone on honeymoon

4:22 Pm. - Out #2 (C.C. Disheroon, 625 Central)

Has.

Akers - Called 351. Asked for Mr.
Disheroon or Mr. Barton.

Clerk - Neither one here now.

Akers - Left word for one of them to
call him.

4:25 Pm. - Out #2.

Has.

Akers - Called Long Distance to Chief of
Police, Little Rock. Instructed opr
to ascertain the number of chief's
private phone in his office and
to ring that one.

J.D. Opr - He's not in office. I'll try residence

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4:30 P.m. — In #2.

L. D. Opr. — Reported to Aker that Chief of Little Rock Police was not at his home - phone #8601, but she would try again.

4:35 P.m. — In #1.

Man — Reported to Aker that he had contacted a friend of Frieder for him and that Frieder would return in few days & take care of any "paper" he had left.

4:37 P.m. — out #1. (Vance Bros Pawnshop)

Aker — Called 2745. Advised "shotgun" Vance that Frieder was expected to return and take care of his check.

Vance — Requested that Aker handle the case of collection from Frieder and to advise Watkins! Offered pay Aker for collecting the check

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4:40 P.m. - In #2.

Officer - Reported at 503-Jonestown -

Has.

4:45 P.m. - In #2.

"Mickey" - supplied Akers with additional information relative to attorney Greider.

Akers - Requested to be advised on the "Q.T." when Greider returned to his office from honeymoon.

4:46 P.m. - Out #2.

Has

Akers - Called 184.

Clerk - City Clerk's Office.

Akers - I'm sending the fingerprint boy around. Give him \$2.00 to buy some stamps with.

4:47 P.m. - Out #1.

Officer - Called 2514-W.

No one answered.

Has

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Has.

4:48 P.m. - Out # 2.

Akers - Called 870 (Purvis + Purvis, Atlys)
No one answered.

4:50 P.m. - In # 2 - For Akers.

Vance - I got that matter straightened
out.

Akers - Yeah, I know. What's your
home phone?

Vance - 3031. Call me anytime after
supper. Tell Watkins not to
do anything about that.

Akers - OK.

Has.

5:00 P.m. - In # 2 - For Jerry Watkins

Watkins - Hello -

Woman - What did you want to tell me?

Watkins - Call me back about six -
The people aren't home yet.

Has.

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5²⁵ Pm In #446 Eln
Tucker - City Jail

Officer - 3337 Jonestown
Tucker - Wait -

Natkins - Charlie. the Chief said to
go to Simms Pool Hall ~~and~~ and
tell Simms to keep all those
kids out of there. Also tell
Simms to come down to the
Station -

Officer - OK -

5³⁰ Pm In #446 Eln
Call for Arturs - Not In -

5⁴¹ Pm In #143 Eln
Manager of Liberty Cash Store called
and asked what he could do about
a bad check given by Shelly Hughes -
He was told to get in touch with
father of Shelly Hughes.

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6¹⁰ Pm Out #446 Ihu

Akers = 556 (Citizens Cigar Store)

Man = Citizens

Akers = How did the last race at California go?

Man - It hasn't run yet.

Akers = Ok -

6¹⁴ Pm Out #446 Ihu

Akers = 556 (Citizens Cigar Store)

Man = Citizens

Akers = That race in which "Mr. Boxer" ran - How did it come out?

Man = He won it -

Akers = Who else was in the money -

Man = (named horse's placing 2nd & 3rd)
Agent was unable to get these names -

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6²⁸ PM In #173 Glen

Ben Murray ^(Bondman) called Akers =

Akers = Hello -

Murray = Dutch - did you find out about those rings?

Akers = No, I haven't had time to get anything on it.

Murray = OK -

Akers = You heard what they did about those checks, didn't you?

Murray = No -

Akers = They went up to the bank and stopped all of them -

Murray = I guess that's all they could do
OK -

6⁴⁸ PM In #446 Glen

Jim Williams called and asked Fowler if the car belonging to Battles had been found. Fowler said it had not been found.

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7:00 P.m. - Out #2.

Akers - Called Long Distance to Sheriff Stanley Koppers, Oklahoma City, Okla. asked if Opr. had a straight line open to Okla. City.

Opr. - No, but it'll only take a few minutes.

Akers - Never mind. Cancel the call.

7:05 P.m. - In #1

Har.

Ross - (at City Farm) advised that he would be away for an hour.

7:06 P.m. - Out #2.

Akers - Called 494 (Western Union). Requested a messenger boy at jail!

Har.

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7:10 P.m. - out #2.

Akers - Called L. D. Oper #4. Inquired if she was able to get his Little Rock call.

L.D. Oper - Reported that Chief of Police had not returned to his residence.

Akers - Cancell the call.

7:15 P.m. - in #2.

Mrs Peters - complained that women were begging on the streets accompanied by their children.

Fowler - Doubt if there is anything we can do but I'll see.

7:30 P.m. - in #1.

Mrs Robbins - Have you heard anything more about that boy? I talked to Selgerwood and he said he told them not to bother him.

Fowler - yes, I heard that. They
(28) (cont.)

(cont.)

Hae.

wont bother him. you'd better wait
a few days before moving his clothes

7:35 P.m. - In # 2.

Woman - Is Mr. Akers there?

Fowler - No - He's out now.

7:50 P.m. - In # 2.

Jerry - Reported at 65.

Hae.

7:55 P.m. - In # 1.

Girl - Is Dutch Akers there?

Fowler - No -

8:30 P.m. - In # 1. for M. Young.

M. Young - Hello -

Beck Merritt - Reported theft of his .38 cal
automatic. Requested you to
come and arrest his negro
maid.

Young - OK I'll be over.

Hae.

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9:00 am. - In #1.

Man - Is Dutch there?

Officer - No he isn't.

Has.

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9¹⁰ Pm In #173. Glen
Call for Akers = Not in.

9¹⁸ Pm In #446 Glen
Man called Capt Rogers and
reported that a man had fought
with a girl and had taken her
shoes - that she was now going
up Cottage St.

9³⁰ Pm In #446 Glen
Call for Akers = Not in.

9³⁵ Pm In #446 Glen
Officer reported - 3337 Jonestown

10⁰⁵ Pm In #446 Glen
Officer reported - 3337 Jonestown

10⁵⁵ Pm In #446 Glen
Officers reported - Davis & Bradley - 116

3.

lap on - 640 (Mayor)
Hot Springs, Ark.
Plant at 207 Laurel St.

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8:45 Am. - In #3.

Woman - Has Judge Tedgerwood come in yet?

Miss March - No, not yet. He'll be in a few minutes.

Woman - Does he always come to the Mayor's office first?

Miss March - yes.

8:47 Am. - In #3.

Mrs. Moransky - Is Judge Tedgerwood there?

Tedgerwood - Hello.

Mrs. Moransky - Can I see you before Court opens?

Tedgerwood - Sure. Come right down.

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8:48 Am. - In #3.

Man - Is Judge Sedgewood there?

Sedgewood - Hello -

Man - This is Harry Lewis, at the
County Clerk's office. My brother
got a ticket for parking yester-
day -

Sedgewood - Come on over and I'll
straighten it out.

Har.

#648

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8⁵⁸ am Out

Glenn

Mayor - 1111

Clerk - Park Hotel

Mayor - Ring Mr. Condon, please.

Condon - Hello.

Mayor - John, I was just thinking -
when this fellow was on
the Commission he put a lot
of heels on. There are 5 or 6
that are wrong. I think we
ought to take care of that.

Condon - Yes - you're right.

Mayor - And another thing - on
this book that is going to be
published - down there where
the officials are listed my
name ought to be there as
Track Attorney.

Condon - Isn't it there? It should be.
I'll see about that.

Mayor - All right - do that.

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9⁰⁵ AM Out.

Glenn

Miss Marsh: 646 (Judge Cotnam)

Judge Cotnam: Hello.

Miss Marsh: This is the Mayor's Office
Mr. McLaughlin wanted to
know if you could come
over in about 30 minutes.

Judge Cotnam: Yes - all right.

9⁰⁸ AM Out

Glenn

Miss Marsh: 2410

Clerk: Eastman Hotel

Miss Marsh: Mr. Berry, please.

Berry: Hello.

Mayor: Gene - This is Leo. I was
just talking to John. When
you publish that little
book don't forget to put
my name on the front as
Track Attorney - and on
the programs too.

Berry: O.K. - I'll take care of that.
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Mayor: The Commission, you know, tentatively adopted the Maryland rules. I'll call you when I get a copy of them.

Berry - O.K.

9:10 AM In Glen

Mrs. Mobin called the Mayor.

Mayor = Hello

Mrs. Mobin: This is Mrs. Mobin. Have you had a chance to do anything yet?

Mayor = I'll get right on that and do what I can. I'll put in a word for her at the Southern.

(Sounded as though the Mayor is to use his influence to procure a position for Mrs. Mobin's daughter at the Southern Club - a gambling club.)

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9¹⁸ AM Out

Edna

Mayor called Carrace Hollingsworth
at Legislature, Little Rock.

Hollingsworth: Hello -

Mayor = This is Leo - what's going
on?

Hollingsworth = Nothing - they are
trying to get some money.
(Probably referring to the
Committee investigation
conditions at Hot Springs).

They are all tied up and are
trying to get it from the
House Contingent Fund but
they can't get that.

Mayor - Any body from here been
over there?

Hollingsworth - No - as I told you there
is only one thing that will
cause us any worry.

Mayor - Yes - I know.

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Mayor: I want to tell you a little story: - you heard about the man who went to the Doctor and asked the Doctor to give him a dose of Clapp. The doctor asked him why and he said - well - I want to give it to the hired girl so the hired girl can give it to Father - so Father can give it to Mother - so Mother can give it to the preacher.

The theory of that story is this - they don't care so much about Judge Witt - but thru him they think they can get me. I'm responsible for what goes on here. Last year I got \$25000 for the city out of that thing (Gambling Houses) and what I don't want is an

innocent man hurt. Why don't
they make my wife testify.
Hollingsworth - She's got a smart lawyer.
Mayor - Ah - Hell - She don't
know anything. I'll send
you a letter this weekend
by registered mail so it
won't get lost.
Hollingsworth - All right.

9⁴⁰ AM In Shen
Call for Judge Leguwood - In Court.

9⁴¹ AM In Shen
Mayor - Hell -
Woman - Is Judge Leguwood there?
Mayor - No - He's in Court.
Woman - Will you ask him to
call 1579.

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9 4³⁰ AM Out

Edna

Miss Marsh called #446 and asked that Jack be sent to the Mayor's Office.

9 4⁴⁵ AM Out

Edna

Miss Marsh - 2410

Clerk = Eastman Hotel

Miss Marsh - Mr. Berry, please.

Berry - Hello -

Miss Marsh - Mr. Berry, this is the Mayor's Office. Mr. Busson of the newspaper wants to see you. What time would suit you best?

Berry - Anytime this afternoon.

Miss Marsh - All right.

9 47 AM In

Edna

Miss Marsh - Mayor's Office

Man - Is Judge Leguwood there?

Leguwood - Hello -

Man - This is Lang at the Sheriff's Office. Those bags are set for in the morning and that woman says if she has a little time she can arrange to settle.

Legerwood - I'll continue it until day after tomorrow.

Man - All right.

9⁵⁵ AM - See Log for Phone #446

10²⁵ AM - In GRW

Call for Judge Legerwood.

Legerwood - Hello -

Dr. Housley - Judge - this is Doc Housley. Did you send Fowler out here?

Legerwood - Doc - why don't you leave that kid alone. He'll not 'cause you any more trouble. He said you beat him

unmercifully with a garden
hose - why don't you let
him go and get rid of him.

Dr. Hausky - Well - all that's a damn
liar - I tried like hell
to make something out of
him - that's all.

Lepewood - Let Fowler get the
clothes and forget about the kid.

10³⁸ AM In Glen

Earl Witt called Mayor -

Mayor - Hello -

E. Witt - Leo - this is Earl - can
you come over to the
Court House. I want to
talk with you about a
little matter.

Mayor - All right - I'll be up after
awhile.

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10⁴⁰ AM Out

Edw

Miss Marsh = 343 (Dr. Bourdier)

Dr. Bourdier = Hello -

Miss Marsh = Doctor - what time can
I see you?

Dr. Bourdier = Tell him to come on now.

11⁰² AM In

Edw

Mayor called Miss Marsh and said
he would be at phone #472 for
next few minutes.

11⁰³ AM Out

Edw

Miss Marsh = 891 - No Answer

11³¹ AM In

Edw

Call for Mayor - Not In -

11⁵⁰ AM In

Edw

Judge Cotnam called Mayor - Not
in - He asked Miss Marsh to
have Mayor call him.
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12⁰⁰ Noon Out Lulu

Mayor = 646 (Judge Cotham)

Cotham = Hello -

Mayor = Judge, this is Leo.

Cotham = Yes, can I see you this afternoon?

Mayor = No, I'm going to be busy all afternoon.

Cotham = Well, maybe I can see you over at the Eastman Hotel tonight.

Mayor = All right, I'll be there.

12⁰³ Pm In Lulu

Girl named Catherine called Mayor.

Mayor = Hello -

Catherine = Can you send some money up here? I'll have to have some when I go to the doctor this afternoon.

Mayor = Oh - the Doctor? What's the matter?

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Catherine = It's this ole nose again.

Mayor = All right! You're kind
of a hard luck gal, aren't
you? How's the dog?

Catherine = All right.

Mayor = OK.

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2.17 P.m. In on 648

WPS

Leo called and talked with Hazel Marsh and told her to remind him, mayor is to address the Bottles Convention at the Eastman Hotel tomorrow morning.

2.56 p.m. In on 648

WPS.

Mayor. Anything doing?

Hazel - They called about that speech you were to make at the Bottles Convention in the morning. You've got to be in Court, you know?

Mayor. That's right I'll get in touch with them.

Hot Springs Ark.
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Memo. to Inspector E. J. Connelley:

Re: Brekid.

Attached hereto are the logs on the taps on telephones numbered 123, 446 and 648. at Hot Springs Ark. also attached are clippings from Hot springs newspapers for 1-28-37

Note should be made of the telephone call at 9:10 P.M. over #446 where Herbert (Dutch) Akers converses in a friendly fashion with a girl who gives her address as 708 1/2 Central. This is the address of a house of prostitution run by a woman named "Bessie".

Your attention is also directed to a conversation at 9:00 A.M. over #648 between Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin and W. S. Jacobs. The exact nature of the subject of this conversation is not known but it appears that the Mayor is doing some kind of work for Jacobs. It has previously been reported that the Mayor represents Jacobs in a legal capacity.

In the newspaper clippings above mentioned it will be noted that the Mayor in representing the chamber of commerce is opposing the sale of radio station KTHS at Hot Springs Ark. to Col. T. H. Barton of El Dorado Ark. It will be recalled that in previous conversations overheard on the taps that the Mayor himself has a plan whereby he, himself, can make some money from the sale or leasing of this same radio station.

Respectfully Submitted

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
ROUTE TO	FILE

Top rm #446 (city Jail)
and #123 (Chief Police)
Hot Springs, Ark.
Plant at 207-Laurel.

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12:01 Am. - In #1. Has.

Officers - Bradley & Davis at 116.

1:00 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Bradley & Davis at 126.

1:03 Am. - In #2.

Woman - Is Fowler There?

Evans - No.

woman - Will you take me home,
Curley?

Evans - No Has

2:00 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Bradley & Davis at 777.

3:02 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Bradley & Davis at 126.

① Has.

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Has.

4:00 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Bradley & Davis reported in.

5:02 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Bradley & Davis at 291.

6:00 Am. - In #1.

Woman - Inquired number of
breakfasts needed.

7:10 Am. - Out #2.

Has.

Man - Called 2.

Man - Hello.

Officer - Is this Mr. Fovell?

Man - No. Must have wrong number.

Officer - What number is this?

Man - Number 2.

Has.

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Has.

8:00 Am - In # 1.

Man - Is Chief Raspberry there?

Officer - Not here yet.

8:15 Am - In # 1.

Rogers - Hello

Fovell - Requested that the trial of
case against Burch be re-set
for tomorrow, since Burch had
to face charges at Malvern today.

Has.

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8.40 Am. In on 123.

SRM.

Man I have you a man from the Army or Navy down there?

P.W. No, we don't.

9.25 Am. Out on 123

SRM.

Akers called Chief of Police at Little Rock Ark.

Akers - Where were you all day

Chief. I was right at the edge of your town.

Akers. That attorney that is in that case. Can you talk to him? That party over here wants you to talk to him. It might be worth something to you, Jake.

Chief. In the next day or two?

Akers. That's alright. We just want some advance information.

Chief. Alright I'll call you before Saturday night.

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9.30 am. In on 123.

J.R.Mc.

Mrs. Carpenter called for Mrs. Harrington
and was told she was in court

9.32 am. Out on 123 to 618 (Johnson Florist)

monroe Young Inquired about sending flowers
to Phoenix Ariz.

9.45 am Out on 123. To 3574

J.R.M.

Ordered 1 breakfast

10.00 am. In on 446

J.R.M.

Call for Albers - Not in

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10.05 am Out on 123 to 226 - Line busy WPS.

10.08 am. Out on 123 to 226 WPS.
Young asked for Otis Hill. Was told to call back.

10.10 am Incoming on 446 WPS
Otis spoke to Young about some person who recently died.

10.36 am In on 123. WPS
Call for Watkins. - He's out now.

10.44 am. Out to 123 to 1065 (Southern Grill) WPS
Arch Cooper. John do you need any hogs.
John. - No-but I may need some later

10.46 am. Out on 123 to 291 (Hot Springs Confectionery) WPS
Arch Cooper - Say, do you need any hogs. I've got a couple
man - Not right now, I don't think.
Cooper - I'll be by there in a minute.

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10.52 am. Incoming on 123.

DPS.

Long distance from Little Rock Ark for Ahus - He's out.

11.02 am. Out on 446 to 3574 - Ordered 4 dinners

DPS.

11.11 am. In on 123

DPS

man calling for Edgar York. - He's not here.

11.20 am. Out on 123.

DPS.

to 1689.

Arch Cooper - Is Mornal Young there.

man - He was working, but just left.

Cooper - What is his residence telephone no.?

man - 3253-W.

11.22 am. Out on 123. to 253 (Weldon Young)

DPS

Arch Cooper - Mrs. Weldon do you need any hogs?

Mrs. Weldon - Sorry, but I don't need any now.

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11.26 a.m. In. on 123. Long distance call by OPS.
Mr Woodcock from Little Rock Ark for "Dutch" Akers. Not then
Woodcock made appointment to call or see Akers at 1.30 p.m.

11.31 a.m. In on 123 OPS.
Man calling - Have you received a telegram from
Frank Ramsey yet?
P. 10. No, we haven't

11.34 a.m. Out on 123, to 3143 OPS.
Man calling - Is the Judge there.
Woman - No, he's just gone.

11.35 a.m. In on 446 OPS.
Caroline - Can I see you Dutch? Bert is driving
me crazy. I want to see you before I
do anything
Dutch - I'll call you at the shop and meet
you somewhere.

11.38 p.m. In on 446 OPS.
Man. Say, Dutch I think you'll find that
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party. Barkus at The Milwaukee Hotel.
Dutch - Thanks.

11.42 am. In on 123.

OTS.

Jenks. - Is Sherman Rowe there?
Morse Young. - No, try #613 (Sheriff's office)

11.44 am. In on 123.

Curtis - Betty Blair wants to get out on parole.

Dutch - We don't want her here. Make her leave the state.

Curtis - O.K.

12.14 p.m. Out on 123 to 29411 (Johnson's Typewriter ^{Rep's} Sec.)
Akers ordered a typewriter ribbon.

12.32 p.m. In on 123.

OTS.

Woman reported a drunk at 209 Orange St.

12.34 p.m. In on 446

OTS

Ellsworth at Dodson's Office left word for Dutch to see him.
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12:44 pm In out 123

Woman reported that some of her clothes were stolen from her clothes line. Raspberry told her to come to city jail and make a report of it.

12:53 pm In out 446.

officer reporting at 22 Jonestown. GR Mc.

12:57 pm Out on 123 to 351

GR Mc

Akers - Called 351. (Dodson Ins. Co.)

Dodson - Hello.

Akers - Is Mr. Ellsworth in?

Dodson - No.

Akers - Have him call Herbert Akers.

Dodson - OK.

1:14 Pm - Out on 123.

Brock - Called 87 (Craighead 2dry)
Conversed socially with
Miss Cooper -

446.
123.

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gkm.

1:35 Pm. - In on #123.

T.D. Opr. - Chief of Police at Little Rock
calling Herbert Akers.

Akers - Hello.

Chief - A few minutes after you
talked with me that fellow
came in here. Can you
come over here?

Akers - Did he want to do something

Chief - No. He's got the whole "lay-out"

Akers - I'll find out what I can
do and call you back.

Chief - All right.

gkm.

1:45 Pm. - In #123

Trucker - Hello.

Akers - Tell Rasberry that I am
going out of town and will
be back about six P.M.

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1:52 Pm. - In on # 446. JRM.

Man - Is Dutch Aken in?

Tucker - No.

2:08 Pm - Out on # 123.

Evans - Called 1316

Man - Hello.

Evans - Is Kelpy there?

Kelpy - Hello.

Evans - Raspberry wants to see you

2:10 Pm. - On # 446. JRM.

Z. D. Opr. - Isabelle, Okla., is calling
Mr. Watkins.

Tucker - He's not in.

Z. D. Opr. - Have him call Opr # 4
at Isabelle.

2:17 Pm. - In # 123. JRM.

Fowler - Reported at 222.

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2:18 Pm. - In on #123.

George Young - Reported at 27.

2:25 Pm. - In on #123.

Man - is Watkins there?

Jucker - No he is not.

2:29 Pm. - In on #123.

Man - Chief Kasberg there?

Jucker - no.

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2.55 p.m. In on 446 DPS.
Man asked if Swede was there. - No his out

3.08 p.m. In on 123. DPS.
Girl asked Watkins about a job. He said
he would see about it.

3.24 p.m. In on 446 DPS.
Jerry Watkins made a date with some girl.

4.04 p.m. In on 123. DPS.
Man requested Jerry Watkins to come to the
City Drug Store.

4.16 p.m. In on 123. DPS
Woman - Send an officer to the Proctor Hotel,
346 Central

4.36 p.m. In on 446 DPS
Monroe Young told Watkins of a car parked over time - Jag i

4.40 p.m. Outgoing on 123.
ordered 13 meals.

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Has.

4:47 P.m. - In #1.

girl - Is Mr. Aiken there?

Jucker - No.

4:55 P.m. - In #1 and out #3.

Miss Marsh - Is one of the boys there
with a car?

Jucker - Watkins is.

Miss Marsh - I'll walk down. Want him
to take me somewhere -

Has.

4:58 P.m. - In #1.

girl - Is Monroe Young there?

Jucker - He's on the street.

5:00 P.m. - In #1.

George Young - Reported at Deluxe Photo Shop

Has.

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Has

5:04 Pm. - In #2

Woman - Is "Swede" Watkins there?

Master - He's out on a call.

5:10 Pm. - In #2.

T.G. Cook - Reported theft of his 1936
Model Chevrolet.

5:12 Pm. - Out #1.

Has

Brook - Called 184 (City Clerk) asked Emmett
(Jackson) how to spell "appreciate".

5:30 Pm. - In #1.

Bryan (cabbie) - Advised Fowler that his cab
had been given a parking ticket
in front of City Drug Store.

Watkins - I'll call you back.

5:40 Pm. - Out #1.

Has

Watkins - Called 181 (Levi Hosp.) inquired how
Mrs Potts was getting along.

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5:41 P.m. - In #2.

Har.

Go Young - Reported at 50.

5:45 P.m. - Out #2.

Brock - Called 87 (Craighead Idy) - Made
date with Miss Cooper to meet
him on Bath House Row.

6:05 P.m. - In #2.

Man - Requested an officer to stop
at 109 Plateau St when in vicinity

6:15 P.m. - In #1.

Har.

Man - Is Mr. Young there?
Watkins - He's gone to supper.

6:17 P.m. - Out #2.

Watkins - Called 777 (Black & White Cab) Asked
for Dan.

Clerk - He's not here.

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7:00 P.m. - In #1.

Man - asked for George or Monroe Young.
Officer - They're not here now. H.S.

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Has

8:35 P.m. - In #2.

Woman - Is Dutch there?

Officer - Not in.

8:37 P.m. - In #1.

Officer - Reported at 3337 Jonestown.

8:38 P.m. - Out #2.

Evans - Called 777 (Black & White Cab). Asked for Bob.

Clerk - He's in Little Rock now.

Has

8:45 P.m. - Out #2.

Officer - Called 341 (Citizen's Cigar). Asked for "Duck" who sells suits.

Clerk - He was here but left.

Officer - If you see him tell him to call the jail.

8:55 P.m. - In #1

girl - Dutch there?

Officer - No.

Has

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Has

9:10 Pm. - In #1.

Girl - Is Dutch there?

Akers - Hello.

Girl - Well how are you?

Akers - Better. Where are you?

Girl - at home - 708 1/2 Central. Coming up to see me?

Akers - I guess so.

Girl - If you want to you can come up the back steps.

Akers - No. Never mind. I'll be up the front way.

Has

9:20 Pm. - In #2.

Woman - Discussed social engagement with Ben Rogers -

9:30 Pm. - In #1.

Woman - Is Mr. Akers there?

Akers - Hello.

Woman - (had hung up).

Has

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9.53 am. In on #446. GRM per. LPS
Call for Alms. Not in.

10.00 p.m. In on 123. GRM
Kelly + Abbott report at #116

10.14 p.m. In on #446. GRM
Call for Alms - Not in

10.20. In on 446. GRM
officer report at 788 Jheestown

10.40 p.m. In on 446. GRM
Phil at the Chicago Club called Rogers and
asked if Trakes was in jail. Rogers
stated he wasn't on the docket and not
a holdover.

10.42 p.m. In on #123. GRM
Woman called + said that Alms said to send
a car to the Hall Park Legion Store.

OK
11.05 PM officer Abbott + Kelly report at 494. (21) GRM

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Jap on 1.48 (Mayor's Office)
Plant at 207 Laurel St.
Hot Springs Ark

8.44 am. In on 648

SRM.

Hoyt Marsh - Mayor's Office

Mayor. - I'll be there in a minute.

Tell Vane (Kelgenwood) to wait for me

Hoyt - He hasn't come down yet.

8.44 am. In on 648

SRM.

Man calling - Is Judge Kelgenwood there?

Hoyt Marsh. - No.

Man - Have him call 253.

9.50 am. Out on 648 to 191 - Lin Bay SRM

9.52 am. Out 648 to 416. (Police Dept) SRM

Hoyt told Rogers to have Jack come to the Mayor's office.

9.55 am. In on 648

SRM.

Earl Witt: I just thought that in getting together the list of grand jurors, we get fellows like Moody, Gold and Al Reynolds good business men and also indicate

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their business connection.

Mayor - That's a good idea.

9:00 Am. out on 648 to 2115 (Wm. D. Jacobs) & Rm.

Jacobs - Hello.

Mayor - What time this afternoon are you going to be at the Club? I ought to get this thing in the mail by tomorrow.

Jacobs. O.K. I haven't that much on hand now. Are you going to the funeral? (George Ryan)?

Mayor. No. I've got to try this K.T.H.S. (Radio Station) case today. I won't be able to get away.

Jacobs. I see. O.K.

9:03 Am. out on 648 Mayor called Judge Kelloran in St. Louis Mo.

Judge Kelloran. Hello.

Mayor. This is Leo. How are you Judge Kelloran. Fine. (23)

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Major. I just got a letter from Frank
Pace about the meeting for Friday of
next week on February 5. That
makes it better because I've got
a meeting of the racing commission
that afternoon.

Judge Kilborn - Thanks for calling.

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9.10 am. Incoming on 648 WPS
Mrs Cunningham on Rector Ave got permission
from the mayor to haul 3 loads of gravel
from the Whittington gravel pit.

9.32 am. Outgoing on 648 - number not gotten. WPS.
McLaughlin. Dutch, how are you getting along
with Freeman on that thing.
Dutch. I'll get to it this week. (Mayor hung up)

9.42 am. Incoming on 648 WPS.
Woman calling for Mrs Smith and talked with
Judge Ledgerwood saying she was all packed
and ready to move but Young demanded
Ledgerwood's signature. Ledgerwood suggested
that Young call him about it.

10.00 am. Outgoing on 648 to 1111 WPS
Hazel Marsh. Do you know, who the fellow was
who had his picture taken with the
mayor after winning a race 2 yrs ago
Mr. Condon. No, Hazel. I remember the picture but can't
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recall what race or policy it was.

10.17 a.m. Incoming on 648

OPS.

man - Did you order some flowers?

tonnie.

Yes

man. Well, I am downstairs.

10.24 a.m. Incoming on 648

OPS.

Irving (a girl) at Mayor's Office and Alex carry on personal conversation - nothing of interest.

10.11 a.m. Incoming on 648

OPS.

man calling - Hazel, did you find out who that policy was.

Hazel.

No, I haven't

11.15 a.m. Incoming on 648

OPS.

Mayor - What's doing

Hazel - Swain and that old Appleton were in

Mayor - Alright, I'll call later on.

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11.17 am. In on 648

WTS

Ollie Smith talked to Hazel about learning the identity of the forger in the photograph with Mayor

12 04 p.m. In on 648

Man called and told Hazel to tell George McLaughlin his wife was looking for him

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1.52 pm. Out to 648 to 2290

NPS.

Hazel Marsh - Has your good housekeeping come
yet.

Mother. - no, it hasn't.

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2.15 p.m. Incoming on 648

OPS

Woman - My son got a parking ticket. Is the
mayor in?

Hazel - No, you better call him in the morning.

2.42 p.m. Incoming on 648

OPS.

Man called re building on Central Ave and was told
by Hazel Marsh it was owned by the mayor's mother,
but suggested the man call the mayor in the
morning.

2.54 p.m. Outgoing on 648 to 1124

AT.

Hazel Marsh. Is Babe there.

Man - This is Rufus talking.

Hazel - He wanted me to write a letter
for him. Tell him I have time now.

3.33 p.m. In on 648

OPS.

The mayor called and asked for any messages - None

4.25 p.m.

In on 648

OPS

No answer.

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